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COAL
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NEW COAL RESERVES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new coal reserve has been discovered in the country, especially in Orissa and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and approximate coal reserve in those new locations; and

(c) the steps taken for the exploration of coal from those areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The exploration activity has established additional resources during Xth Plan period in several coalfields including Orissa and West Bengal. During the period January, 2006 to March, 2007, 4080 million tonnes of new coal resources have been estimated in the country. As a result the inventory of Geological Resources of Coal in India, prepared by Geological Survey of India (GSI) has increased by 4080 mt as indicated below:

Data of Estimation	Total estimated geological resources of coal in India (in million Tonnes)
As on 1.4.07	257,381
As on 1.1.2006	253,301
Addition of coal resources from 1.1.06 to 1.4.07	4,080

Out of the total addition of coal resources mentioned above 520 million tonnes have been estimated in the state of West Bengal and 1234 million tonnes in the state of Orissa.

The state-wise and coalfield-wise details of estimation of additional coal resources in blocks where exploration has been concluded during the period from January, 2006 to March, 2007 are given as under:-

State	Coalfields	New coal resources Estimated (in million Tonnes)
West Bengal	Raniganj	520
Jharkhand	Ramgarh	79
Jharkhand	West Bokora	186
Jharkhand	North Karnpura	229
Madhya Pradesh	Singaralui	588
Chhattisgarh	Hasdo-Arand	8
Maharasthra	Wardha Valley	173
Maharasthra	Kamptee	55
Maharasthra	Nand Bander	366
Orissa	Talchar	1234
Andhra Pradesh	Godavari Valley	569
Sikkim	Rangit Valley	73
Total		4080

(c) Based on the potential of the blocks revealed from regional exploration data the detailed exploration is under process in different

blocks/areas.